

I am writing in regard to Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary just days before the election. This is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and constitutes an abuse of its power.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But instead of acting in the public interest, Sinclair is acting in its corporate interest.

Instead of shows produced for mass consumption by Sinclair--or one produced to market its political message, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and have more substantive news about issues that matter to us.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you.